

**SRI H. C. SREEKANTIAH:**—In Shorapur taluk 34 villages have already been electrified.

### Inadequate Water Supply to Belgaum City

8. **SRI B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).**—Will the Minister for Law and Municipal Administration be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that the requirement of water of Belgaum City Municipal area is 45 lakhs gallons of water every day,

(b) whether it is a fact that the Belgaum City Municipal area is getting only 27 lakhs gallons of water every day.

(c) if so, the steps taken to cover up the shortage of 18 lakhs gallons of water every day.

(d) whether it is fact that water is not supplied to industrial estate in Belgaum upto now,

(e) whether it is a fact that there is no pressure to the water supplied in Belgaum City ?

**SRI D. K. NAIKAR (Minister for Law and Municipal Administration)**

(a) The present requirement of Municipality is 40 lakhs gallons of water per day at 20 GPCD for a population of 2 lakhs.

(b) Yes. Filtered water at an average rate of 27 lakhs to 28 lakhs gallons is supplied every day to the Belgaum City Municipality.

(c) It is proposed to construct one more filtration unit of 3 mgd capacity and install required pumping machinery. Accordingly plans and estimate the latter amounting to Rs. 16.80 lakhs for the work have already been administratively approved by Government and the work has been started. This expected to be completed very early.

(d) The main pipe line to industrial estate is commissioned in August 1975. Average quantity of water supplied daily to the industrial estate is 10,000 litres for drinking purposes.

(e) The distribution system is executed so as to have adequate residual pressures. The distribution of water is managed by the City Municipal Council, Belgaum. The residual pressure in Phootbagh, Kamatgalli and Tandurgalli is insufficient. The entire distribution system is being studied and suitable remedial steps will be taken.

**SRI B. B. SAYANAK:**—As per the reply furnished, the present population of Belgaum City is 2 lakhs. It is not correct; the population of Belgaum City is about 2 lakhs 20 thousand. The Hon'ble Minister has admitted that there is a shortage of 10 lakhs gallons of

water. The ladies of Belgaum City are taking a 'morcha' every day to the Municipal authorities. Will the Government do justice to these ladies by doing some good work towards water supply?

†SRI D. K. NAIKAR.—As per the statistics supplied to this department the population of Belgaum City seems to be 2 lakhs. Since my friend Sri Sayanak says that it is more than 2 lakhs, I have no hesitation to accept it. But so far as water supply to Belgaum City is concerned, the water supply scheme was taken up in 1958 at an estimated cost of Rs. 67 lakhs, and there are four stages of work. The original scheme was commissioned in 1962. In view of the increase in population, it is admitted that the present supply of water is inadequate, and to increase the supply of water the Government have already approved another expansion scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 16.80 lakhs. The work has been started and it is in progress according to the information supplied to me.

†SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Madam Speaker, the Hon'ble Minister just now said that the work has started. I am also one of the members of this Water Supply Board. The Board members have visited the dam and the reservoirs. We find that no work has been started. I do not know how the Hon'ble Minister is mis-guided. Will the Government arrange to start the work early?

†SRI D. K. NAIKAR.—To say that I am mis-guided by the officials is not correct. The present capacity of the gravity main and the raising main is to the extent of 6 GPCD, but the capacity of the pumping machinery is of the order of 3 GPCD. Therefore the capacity of the pumping system has to be expanded, and for that we invited tenders, tenders were accepted and the machine is to be commissioned. Further the present filtration system has to be increased by another 3 mgd to supply the required water, for which another filter bed unit is to be constructed and that work has been started.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Whether it is a fact that water is not being supplied in the Industrial Estate?

†SRI D. K. NAIKAR.—It is stated in the answer that an average quantity of water supplied daily to the industrial estate is 10,000 gpd for drinking purposes.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Is it not a fact that water is not being supplied for industrial purposes?

†SRI D. K. NAIKAR.—The answer furnished is clear. It is stated for what purposes water is being supplied.